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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The networks 115, 120, and 125 in one example comprise one or more service provider networks. In one example, the networks 115, 120, and 125 comprise a Public Switched Telephony Network ("PSTN") and/or an Integrated Services Digital Network ("ISDN"). The network 130 in one example comprises a signaling network, for example, a Signaling System 7 ("SS7") network. The networks 115, 120, 125, and 130, in one example comprise one or more application server components 135 and 140, and one or more switch components 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, and 175. The one or more application server components 135 and 140 may be connected to at least one of the one or more switch components 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, and 175 as shown in FIG. 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in FIG. 1, the [[The]] service control components 127 and/or 128 are connected to the application server components 135 and/or 140 and communicate with the application server components 135 and/or 140 through employment of one or more data streams, for example, data streams 180, 185, 190, and 195. The service control components 127 and/or 128 and the application server components 135 and/or 140 employ one or more data stream control protocols to establish the data streams 180, 185, 190, and/or 195. The data stream control protocols in one example comprise a

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User Datagram Protocol ("UDP"), a Transfer Control Protocol ("TCP"), and/or the Session Initiation Protocol.